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RAILROAD TO ASTORIA

SANTA FE MAY BUILD

Road Would Follow Coast From Millets Point California

OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING

Claimed That Harriman Is Exerting Every Influence to Prevent Building of Line—Road Would Mean Much for Astoria.

Portland, Sept. 20.—Into the northwest railroad arena, in which Hill and Harriman have been leading figures in the plan of development for the past two weeks the Santa Fe will make its debut, and its advance agent is slated to arrive in a few days in the person of Chief Engineer F. M. Brisbee, whose jurisdiction extends over the western grand division of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe. Mr. Brisbee will come from La Junta, Colo., and the purpose of his visit is that of investigating the Oregon country, particularly that lying along the coast and in the northern portion of the state between the Pacific and the Columbia river.

The heralding of Mr. Brisbee's coming has set railroad prognosticators at work and it is said that there will be developments with reference to the property of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and that it is the intention of the Santa Fe to fulfill the promise to build up the coast from Humboldt Bay and center its energies on the progress of Astoria.

A. B. Hammond, who is the nominal head of the A. & C. R. R., sold out his railroad interests at Eureka to the Santa Fe, and is now said to be manipulating the Columbia river road for a transfer to the big system.

The line is bonded for \$40,000 a mile. Not long ago an option on the property was given Edward H. Harriman for a price corresponding with the amount for which it is bonded. In this connection the future of the Northern Pacific track from Portland to Goble is figuring prominently, for it is foreseen that when Mr. Hill completes the road along the north bank of the Columbia for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern he will have no further use for the Goble connection, and it is predicted it will be sold to the next interests to take over the A. & C. R.

It is said that fear that the Santa Fe will connect with the P. N. & T. on its way up the coast, and then continue on to Astoria, together with the heralded intention of the Northern Pacific, has stirred Mr. Harriman to exert every influence to hold back the work this winter, because he wants the Southern Pacific to have the only connection with the roads tapping the coast.

YELLOW FEVER CASES INCREASE AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Sept. 20.—Another increase in the number of new cases of yellow fever was reported today, but it made no impression on the health authorities, who regard the situation as definitely under control.

The official report to 6 p. m. for this

CALABRIA AGAIN AFFLICTED

Lightning Destroys Few Remaining Houses Left by Earthquake.

Monteleone, Italy, Sept. 20.—Further slight shocks of an earthquake and violent storms today, extending over the whole of Calabria, added distress to the stricken population. The lightning caused a fire at Olivadi, which destroyed the remaining property belonging to the survivors of the earthquake. Panics occurred at Cantanzaro and Reggio, where several buildings were struck by lightning.

"A. P." ELECTS OFFICERS.

New York, Sept. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press today at the Waldorf-Astoria, the following directors were elected: Messrs. George Thompson, of the St. Paul Dispatch; Charles H. Grasty, of the Baltimore News; W. L. McClean, of the Philadelphia Bulletin; W. R. Nelson, of the Kansas City Star and Adolph S. Ochs, of the New York Times.

QUEER PARTY EMBLEM

Solid Black Square to Be Carried by Jerome Supporters.

New York, Sept. 20.—The party which will support District Attorney Jerome in his independent campaign for re-election will be known as the Jerome Nomination and the party emblem will be a solid black square.

HILL TALKS TO FARMERS

Says Panama Canal Is a Toy —Scores Manufacturers.

Does Not Favor Government Ownership of Railroad—Objects to Offending the Chinese—America, Not Conquering the World's Markets.

Preston, Minn., Sept. 20.—President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad company in addressing the southern Minnesota farmers today stated that he did not believe that the tariff helped provide adequate markets, notwithstanding what politicians say. There is one way—lessening the cost of transportation. He did not favor the governmental control of railways, this he said would cause rates to decline more slowly than when fixed by the men whose knowledge enabled them to make sweeping reductions.

It would eventually come to a distance tariff, the low charges to the farmers of Minnesota for a long haul thus disappearing. The Panama canal was pronounced a toy and he does not believe any great good will come of it.

He deprecated the policy of offending the Chinese, and also by inference of our lack of merchant marine. In conclusion he said:

"The fallacy that the United States is getting control of the markets of the world needs to be studied and honestly answered, because our highly protected manufacturers are able, by reason of the high prices they charge you, to send a certain portion of their output abroad and sell it for half what you pay, we are not conquering the commercial world."

LIFE MADE WEARY

STARTLING TESTIMONY

McCall Says Judge Parker Solicited Campaign Funds.

EMPHATIC DENIAL BY PARKER

During Investigation by Insurance Committee President McCall Openly Accuses Democratic Presidential Candidate of Accepting Campaign Funds.

New York, Sept. 20.—The political contributions of the New York Life Insurance company and the connection with Andrew A. Hamilton of Albany with alleged political activity of the company were the points around which the hearing before the legislative insurance investigation committee turned today.

President McCall of the New York Life was the chief witness and for several hours he was subjected to a fire of questions by Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the committee, concerning the money paid out for political purposes.

The climax was reached when McCall declared that the soliciting of funds for campaign purposes was not confined to the republican party in the campaign of 1904 and announced:

"My life was made weary by democratic candidates chasing me for money in that campaign."

"Some of the very men today who are being interviewed in the papers and denouncing the men who contribute to campaigns were looking for money. One was a candidate himself, Parker, and if he would show up his books when he was chairman of the democratic state committee, it would give you a fit. He never rejected a dollar in the world."

"He would take every dollar paid him."

Judge Parker was chairman of the democratic state executive committee in 1885.

McCall's statement was greeted with wild cheering, which continued until a threat was made to clear the room of listeners if the crowd did not restrain itself. With great care the account of Andrew A. Hamilton with the company was analyzed by Hughes, who asked McCall about every item and made it clear that a search was being made for political contributions.

McCall stoutly maintained that he had given Hamilton no money to be used in influencing legislation at Albany, but the admission was obtained from McCall that Hamilton's expenses at Albany were paid from the company's funds and his accounts were not submitted to audit.

It was shown that \$235,000 had been paid Hamilton with only a verbal accounting to McCall and at present Hamilton owned the company \$60,000, but McCall said that he felt sure that Hamilton, who was now in Europe will repay this sum upon the company's demand.

Judge Parker, the democratic candidate for President in 1904 tonight gave the Associated Press a statement concerning McCall's testimony relative to the soliciting of funds from the New York Life Insurance company by the democrats in 1904. His statement is as follows:

"It is evident that Mr. McCall was laboring under great excitement in mak-

ing his reply, for he was very incoherent. But if the answer was intended to convey the impression that in the campaign of 1904, I either directly or indirectly, sought from him or his corporation, or any other corporation, any money or contribution, his statement is absolutely false.

"On the contrary, I repeat now what I said before the election, I expressly notified and directed the chairman of the executive committee of the national committee that no money would be received from corporations."

William F. Sheehans attention was called to the testimony of McCall and he said:

"I was chairman of the executive committee of the democratic national committee in 1904 and there was not a single man connected with the democratic national campaign that solicited a dollar from McCall."

"If any such person made any such solicitation, McCall should name him." President McCall in referring to his testimony before the legislative committee in relation to his contributions to the democratic party said tonight:

"The meaning I intended to convey when I mentioned Judge Parker, was that when he was candidate for president last year, he did not personally ask me for campaign funds, but friends of his did so repeatedly."

"Judge Parker, as chairman of the state democratic committee several years ago, did however, accept proffered contributions to the campaign fund."

REFORMERS CONVENTION

Philadelphians Declare Reign of Graft at end.

Republican "City" Party Nominates Ticket to Be Voted for at November Election—Endorsed by Democrats—Remarkable Demonstration at Close.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—A most unusual convention followed by an unprecedented demonstration occurred when the new city party, a reform body opposed to the methods of the republican organization today nominated a ticket to be voted for at the November election. The ticket is as follows: Sheriff, Wilson H. Brown; coroner, J. M. R. Jernon; city commissioners, Rudolph Blankenburg and H. W. Anderson; judge of the common pleas court, number 1, Craig Biddle; judge of the orphans court Morris Dallett.

Never before in the history of this city had the concluding scenes of the convention been equalled. The entire body of delegates and alternates marched to the city hall and acquainted Mayor Weaver of the conclusion of the convention. Mayor Weaver was lifted to a table in the center of the reception room and the delegates stood on either side of him with a large American flag. City Chairman Edmunds then addressed the mayor and congratulated him on the work of the convention. Mayor Weaver in reply said:

"Today's convention is only the beginning of the fight in which the administration and the people are pledged to stand together. Philadelphia has been corrupt, but whether she has been contented will be determined next November."

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—The democratic county convention held here tonight endorsed the city party ticket. The platform says:

"We commend Mayor Weaver for breaking with the 'gang' and espousing the cause of the people."

"No city in the United States had a greater need of a revolution such as has been inaugurated."

BASEBALL SCORES.

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—Los Angeles, 3; San Francisco, 0.
Oakland, Sept. 20.—Oakland, 1; Portland, 5.

FRIGHTFUL WRECK

CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE

Southern Pacific Trains Collide-- Two Killed 43 Injured.

RIGOROUS INQUIRY BEGUN

Freight Trains Collide and Before Flagman Can Warn Both Sections of a Passenger They Crash Into Each Other With Frightful Results.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Two deaths and 43 injured passengers is the result of a train wreck on the Southern Pacific near Harney, Nevada last night. There was a head-on collision between two freight trains. Flagmen were at once sent out and stopped the first section of a passenger train bound west, containing the Pullman coaches. But the passenger train was run in two sections came thundering along and out and give a warning, the second section and before the flagman could get crashed into the first section standing on the track.

The engineer and fireman of the second section of the train were killed in the collision and four or five cars were smashed and the occupants hurled about the car. The injured to the number of 43 are being brought to this city. General Manager Bancroft of the Oregon Short line division of the Southern Pacific, who left Reno on the local this afternoon for the scene of the accident, will institute a rigorous inquiry.

MIKASA TO BE FLOATED.

Tokio, Sept. 20.—A powerful pump has arrived at Sasebo from Port Arthur to be used in floating the battleship Mikasa.

BAND STAND COLLAPSES MANY INJURED

Bellville, Ill., Sept. 20.—Three persons were seriously injured and it is believed that nearly 200 were more or less hurt by the collapse of a band stand tonight during the carnival and street fair. Several hundred were on the bandstand when it went down and great excitement prevailed among the several thousand persons who witnessed the accident.

The accident was caused by the people crowding upon the bandstand as a vantage point to witness the loop exhibition.

MOB RELEASES RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

Riga, Russia, Sept. 20.—The Central prison here was attacked early this morning by a crowd of about 100 persons who scaled the walls, cut the telephone wires and killed two and seriously wounded three of the guards. The mob

GERMAN CONVOY ANNIHILATED

Cape Town, Sept. 20.—It is officially announced that the Wilbois in evading the sweeping columns of General von Trotha, commander in chief of the German southwest Africa, surprised a German convoy near Keelmannshoop, Namaqualand, and practically annihilated the escort and captured thousands of cattle, 122 wagons, many rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

DIXON KNOCKED OUT.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—George Dixon, was tonight knocked out in the second round of a six round bout by Tommy Murphy of New York.

WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

Denver, Sept. 20.—Charged with perjury themselves in order to defraud the government out of lands in eastern Colorado, warrants were issued by the United States district attorney's office for the arrest of Peter Campbell, the former registrar of the United States land office at Akron; Percy C. Beeny, country treasurer of Washington county, and D. W. Irwin a real estate dealer of Akron.

UNITE ON STATE TICKET

Democrats and Populists of Nebraska Nominate Officers.

W. J. Bryan Bids Associates Farewell for One Year—Resolutions Adopted Denouncing Acceptance of Rockefeller Donations by University.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 20.—A fusion between the democrats and populists of Nebraska was effected today by the nomination by both the state conventions of the identical ticket as follows: Justice of the supreme court, Justice Hastings, of Wilbur; Regents of the state university, D. C. Cole, of Osceola, Louis Lightner, of Columbus. Of the nominees, Hastings and Lightner are democrats and Cole is a populist.

The feature of the democratic gathering was a speech by William J. Bryan, in which he bid his party associates in the state farewell for a year at least as he was on the eve of his departure for an extended tour of the old world. Mr. Bryan commended President Roosevelt for what he declared to be his advanced stand on the principles long advocated by the democrats. On these principles he hoped every democrat would uphold the president. A resolution which caused a stir in the convention and which was promptly adopted, denounced the Rockefeller gift to the University of Nebraska, and criticised the regents for accepting it and demanding the return of the gift to the donor.